



## **BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting** Thursday 13 April 2023 Village Hall School Lane Bagnall **Staffordshire Moorlands**

**Present:**

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)  
Cllr Andrew Batson

Cllr Roger Jackson  
Cllr Peter Lawley

**In attendance:**

Hayley Taylor (Clerk); Cllr Keith Flunder (SCC); Denise Cooper; 3 parishioners

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Business Commitments

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read or signed – this will be done in May along with the minutes from April

#### **Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest**

Cllr Knowles – Footpath 28  
Cllr Jackson – Planning

#### **Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns**

Parishioners' Concerns:

The owner of the land for the proposed dog exercise area requested clarification of the Parish Council's decision on their planning application. SMDC had refused permission and the Parish Council was made aware that they proposed to this decision to appeal.

#### **County Councillor Reports**

Cllr Flunder advised that a new CEO had now been appointed for the County Council.

A new approach to the DHP funding is being put in place, led by Lisa Hall. It is hopeful she will meet with Cllrs in due course.

The Department of Transport has allocated £4.5 million towards highways maintenance.

SCC has put aside £10 million in its budget for highways - none of which has been

earmarked for roads anywhere in the north of the county (Bagnall).  
Over the next two years £30million (£15million per annum) will be directed towards pothole repairs. Stanley Road is already on the list; Cllrs were asked to suggest other areas in the Parish that required attention.

As part of SMDC's Tourism initiative, Karen Bradley, MP is publishing information, focusing on specific areas for each edition; local pubs and attractions should contact her to promote their business.

£410k available for small businesses to expand and to help local organisation such as the scouts.

Cllr Flunder has allocated funds for horse rider and weight restriction signage. He will send information on positioning to the Parish Council.

Cllr Flunder will chase up work on preventative measures for speeding through the village.

### 23.01 Planning

#### SMDC's Planning Decisions

SMD/2023/0055 - Greenway Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall,  
Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use of property as residential care home (Class C2) for up to 2 children aged between 5 and 18 with care provided by up to three non-resident members of staff (no material difference with lawful use as Class C3 dwelling)

Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC Approved

#### New Applications

SMD2023/0019 - New House Farm, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall,  
Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement agricultural building  
Bagnall PC had no objections

#### Deferred Decisions

SMD//2023/0063 – Kerry Hill Farm, Eaves Lane, Armshead  
Change of use from agricultural field currently used as grazing land for horses to use as a dog exercise field. The area of development will utilise a previously fenced paddock used for grazing horses which will result in no physical changes to existing boundary hedges and fences which have been in place for agricultural purposes for the past 40 years.

Bagnall PC objected.

Application for the grant of a premises licence – Lockside, Greenway Hall Road, Stockton Brook

Bagnall PC objected – it will now go to Hearing Committee mid May early June

### 23.02 Finance

#### 23.02/01 Quarter 4 Financial Report

At the end of the financial year 2022/23 the Parish Council held monies to the value of £15,263.51, comprising £4,997.83 in the current account and £10,265.68 in Earmarked Reserves. The outstanding loan on the playing field purchase is £5,000.

### 23.02/02 Year End Accounts

The year end reports have now been completed and signed and will be sent to our internal auditor for verification. Information will be posted on the website.

### 23.02/03 Election Costs

Cllr Lawley suggested that any monies remaining in our Earmarked Reserves after election costs had been paid be put towards the loan. This was agreed.

### 23.02/04 Invoices and Receipts

#### Receipts

- o Unity.co.uk – Interest on deposit account - £0.11
- o HMRC – VAT repayment - £309.44
- o SMDC – Grant monies (Kiosk) - £300
- o SMDC – Grant monies (Playing field ramp) - £200

#### Invoices

- o Cllr Knowles submitted an invoice for reimbursement for the purchase of paint for the kiosk - £60.60

## 23.03 General Maintenance and Other Issues

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown

Renovations to the kiosk will start on 21 April 2023 for two days.

## 23.04 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes.

### 23.04/01 Footpath 20 (The Smithy)

Cllrs Batson and Knowles will negotiate with the farmer a suitable position for a stile. Following this an application will be made to SCC for an access to the highway.

Action: Cllrs Knowles and Batson

### 23.04/02 Footpath 28

SCC has suggested the installation of wooden planks across the footpath to stop motorbikes, but in turn this creates a problem for wheelchair users.

It is planned that Parish councillors will oversee and work with volunteer parishioners to improve the condition of the footpath themselves. SCC Footpaths will be asked to provide the necessary stone and other materials and re-imbursment of incidental costs'

### New Issues

### 23.04/03 BT box

The BT box on Stanley Road adjacent to the Rose and Crown has been hit and slightly damaged for a second time. The Clerk was asked to contact BT/Outreach and Highways regarding its relocation to avoid future damage. Serious damage would have a huge impact on the village's telephone and internet usage.

Action: The Clerk

#### 23.04/04 – Tipping

Further tipping has taken place at Blue Bridge, this has been removed.

#### 23.05 Correspondence

A canvassing leaflet has been distributed with Parish, the information it contained has upset Parish Councillors as there are claims of undertaking or being involved in works which are not correct and undermine the work of the Parish Council.

#### 23.06 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11 May 2023, 7.30pm and will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 11 May 2023

